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Hogs	alive \$4, dressed 4 1/2

Additional Local.

Republican Village Caucus.
A caucus of the republican electors of the village of Paw Paw will be held at the court house, Saturday evening, February 29, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating candidates for village officers, to be voted for at the election to be held March 9. Let there be a large attendance.
By order of Village Committee.

Echoes From the Big Brick.

A. Stevens was absent on Monday. Albion Titus of Miss Cooley's room is quite ill.

Mr. J. E. Packer was a welcome caller on Monday.

The senior class will meet with Alice Bangs, Saturday.

La Rue Mosler made us a very pleasant call on Monday.

Mrs. Frances Greening of Chicago, was a caller on Monday.

Harry Folsom was unable to attend school the first of the week.

Rev. Brundage conducted the devotional exercises on Monday.

Henry Long returned to his studies Monday, after a week of grip.

Michael Dillon returned to school Monday, after a week's illness.

Gertie Allison of Battle Creek is a new pupil in Miss Bailey's room.

Cleo Stevens will entertain the juniors at her home Friday evening.

Alice Bangs was taken sick on Friday, but is now able to attend school.

Rena Baker, who has been absent for the last two months, returned to school Monday.

After a silence of a year, the electric bells were suddenly started the latter part of last week.

Prof. L. E. Shierrod has been invited to give an instrumental selection at the chapel exercises next Monday.

We trust that the kind and good advice of Mr. Rowland to the scholars on proper behavior in church will be heeded by all.

Miss Bailey feels the absence of Harry and Myrtle Hagerman, Margerie Cole and Georgie Longwell, all out on account of sickness.

Miss Maggie Bryar's pupils gave a very fine entertainment last Friday afternoon. The living valentines were pleasing, the parts being taken by nine boys and girls. Beautiful valentines, the gift of Miss Bryar, were received by all the pupils. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant time was enjoyed. Mrs. Wm. Killefer, Miss Cleo Stevens and Mrs. Harrison of Bloomington were among the visitors.

On Friday afternoon of this week, the second lecture of the high school will occur, and the following program will be rendered:

Vocal solo	Ree Showerman
Eulogy	Mary Knapp
Invective	Ned Harrison
Recitation	Christine Hudson
Inst. solo	Bernice Quick
Book review	Leta Packer
Inst. solo	Winnie Willey
Recitation	Alice Bangs
Debate	"Resolved that monopolies in trade should be allowed."
	Affirmative, Zella Harvey; Negative, Mabel Cumings, Samuel Jordan.
Vocal music	Misses Lillie and Mabel O'Dell.

Probate Court Proceedings.

Following is a summary of the proceedings in Judge Heckert's court for the week ending Feb. 18:

In the matter of Florence E. French et al., minors; Milford French appointed guardian.

Estate of Owen McElroy, deceased; petition for appointment of administrator; hearing March 16.

Estate of Michael Sientz, deceased; letters issued to Louise Hoag; appraisers' warrant issued to Varnum Dille and James Gibson.

Estate of Elijah Bulbhan, deceased; petition for appointment of administrator; hearing March 16.

Estate of Edward S. Howland, deceased; Catherine Howland appointed administrator.

Estate of Thomas Kelloy, deceased; order allowing claims.

Estate of Frances Carby, deceased; order allowing claims.

MANDAMUS DENIED.

Judge Buck Files His Opinion in the Local Option Matter.

Last Friday afternoon, Judge Buck filed with County Clerk Squier his opinion, denying the petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the supervisors to call a local option election. The case will probably go to the supreme court. Following is the full text of the opinion:

State of Michigan:—The Circuit Court for the County of Van Buren.

Robert Barnes, relator, vs. The Board of Supervisors of Van Buren County, respondent.

OPINION.

Relator filed a petition in this court alleging that the local option law is in force in Van Buren county; that, being desirous of engaging in the business of selling liquor, he employed certain persons to circulate petitions and secure

the names of a limited number of qualified electors of said county; and that the board of supervisors, in violation of the provisions of said act, had refused to grant the prayer of the petitioners so signed by more than one-fourth of the qualified electors of said county. He prays for a writ of mandamus requiring the board to call an election.

The supervisors in their answer set up certain facts which will be hereinafter stated, and the question to be decided is the sufficiency in law of these facts to justify the action of the board. It appears from the proceedings of the board at the meeting held in pursuance of the act aforesaid, that the whole number of qualified electors of Van Buren County, as shown by the poll lists for the last general election held in said county for state officers, was 5994, and that the whole number of names on said petitions and also on said poll lists was 1549, the latter number including 75 names from Bangor township, 19 from Hamilton township, and 54 from Lawrence township.

From evidence submitted to the board, it was found that true copies of the petitions from the townships of Bangor and Lawrence had not been posted as required by Act No. 247 of the laws of 1895; that the copies posted did not contain a large number of the names on the original petitions, and did contain a number of names not on the original petitions. If these facts are found from competent evidence, then the decision of the board as to the existence of such facts must be regarded as final.

It is, however, argued by counsel for the relator that the evidence submitted to the board tending to show that true copies of the petitions from Bangor and Lawrence were not posted, was incompetent and did not disprove the facts stated in the affidavits attached to the original petitions; and counsel for the relator has furnished the court with a very able and ingenious oral and written argument, contending that the affidavits made by those who posted the copies of the petitions must be held to be conclusive under the local option law, and contending also that any other construction of the statute would in every instance put it in the power of designing persons to prevent the calling of an election.

But the court cannot adopt this reasoning. It is not believed that an affidavit which may be made by any resident elector must be taken as undeniably true by those who are to act upon it in the performance of a duty which is judicial as well as ministerial, nor is it believed that there need be any practical difficulty in the way of the board of supervisors ascertaining the truth in regard to the posting of copies of petitions as required by the act of 1895.

And in the case under consideration, the board having found the facts from competent evidence, the only question remaining is, whether the facts as found by the board justified the rejection of the petitions from Bangor and Lawrence.

The object of requiring the posting of copies of the petitions, as expressed in the act of 1895, is "to enable each and every elector to determine for himself if his name has been fraudulently attached to said petition." This object being an important one, the provisions of the statute in that regard must be held to be mandatory and not directory merely; and while it is not conceived that the accidental omission of one or two names from the posted copy of the petition, nor any other slight and unintentional error, would require the rejection of the petition by the board, yet in this case, the posting of the copies of the petitions from Bangor and Lawrence, with the omission therefrom of so many of the names on the original petitions and the addition thereto of so many names not on the petitions, was not only not a compliance with the law, but was also evidence from which the board was authorized to draw the conclusion that the names attached to these petitions were fraudulently obtained. And the rejection of the petitions from these two townships left only 1420 names attached to the petitions which were also on the poll lists, being 79 names less than the number required. This renders it unnecessary to consider the action of the board in rejecting the petition from Hamilton.

The writ should be denied with costs.
Geo. M. Buck, Circuit Judge.

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be a and to rec boat th Cuba, ju It was qu the employ an expen boys knew pretty val I was quite told me th were sever gold coin in On our arriv at the port where the wreck lay in 30 feet of w the agent of the owners of the sunken schooner told us something more surprising. It was that the gold had not been stowed in boxes in the cabin, as was usual, but for some reason had been bagged and placed in the hold, being billed as copper washers. This was probably a scheme to avoid any chance of the spirit of cupidity arising in the crew, for the treasure was very great.

"As the confidential man, I was selected to go down first and find the money bags, attach lines to them and have them taken out before the other divers should proceed with the work of taking out the other freight that the water had not harmed. I was soon in the hold and was surprised to find that the bags were only a little distance from the hole in the side that had caused the schooner to founder. I had been told that there would be 12 bags, but I could lay my hands on but 11 of them. Finally I spied a torn bag lying near the hole in the hull, and on picking it up discovered that it contained a few gold coins. I decided that the heavy triple sacking had been torn open in some way or other when the schooner sank. I fastened lines about the 11 bags that were intact, and had them hoisted, afterward going up for air, for our apparatus was not very good.

"In a few minutes I returned to the hold to search for the scattered coins. Very few of them were in sight. It occurred to me that they might have been washed outside the boat, judging from the position of the wreck and the fact that the hold was far down toward the ship's bottom. I was about to crawl out of the hole when I remembered that it might hazard the air pipe, so I was pulled up and let down again over the vessel's side. I was disappointed not to find any indication of the gold near the hole in the schooner, but set to work digging resolutely in the sand. I had gone but a foot down when I struck the gold pieces all in a lump. I picked out a great handful and turned the light on them, for I was a lover of gold then, even though it did not belong to me.

"Just then I saw something that made the rubber helmet rise from my head. It was a man eating shark. I hadn't thought of one in so long that I had neglected to bring my knife. It was rushing at me. The stupid creature never stopped to consider that with a rubber and lead dressing a diver makes a poor lunch. I was kneeling beside the gold. At the shark's onslaught I naturally hung to the handful of gold as though to use it as a weapon. He turned on his side, opening his horrible mouth. A feeling of grim humor had come over me. The cruel goldbugs had sent me down here to be devoured, after saving thousands of dollars for them. I would be a spendthrift at the last. So with all my force I flung the heavy handful of coin into the yawning mouth.

"The shark must have thought it was a part of me, for he snapped his jaws over the golden morsel. I am satisfied that he broke some teeth. He swam back a little, and then rushed at me again. I had no weapon but the gold, so again I flung into the hideous maw enough to buy me a home in New England. I saw him snap and swallow it. Again and again was the attack repeated, and as often did I hurl gold into the shark's throat. Pretty soon he became dizzy, as it were, for the gold had unbalanced him, settling in the forward part of his body. Then he writhed in agony, and I had to keep dodging his flurry. Then, with one terrible shudder, he sank to the bottom, weighted down by the gold. I tied a line about him and then gave the signal to be pulled up. Then I helped hoist the shark. We cut him open. Gentlemen, you must take the word of an ex-diver that there was \$45,000 in him. Gold had killed him."

Silence answered itself all over the veranda. The pale moon slid behind a cloud. The amphitheater organ slowly wove a weird chunk of melody. The chimes began to ring. "Those were great days," said Mr. Gaulin sadly.—Buffalo Express.

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